

HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

New Patrol Cars Put in Service

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – August 31, 2009 – The Hollister Police Department is pleased to announce the deployment of six new patrol cars. The cars are painted the traditional black & white, a departure from the department's all-white patrol cars. Each is a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, and flex fuel (E85) compatible. The new cars replace six of the older cars in the current fleet.

The average life of a patrol car in most police departments is approximately two years. The Hollister Police Department has not purchased a new patrol car for approximately seven years.

The Hollister Police Department assigns patrol cars to individual officers. These individual assignments allow for greater care and maintenance of the vehicles, and less around-the-clock use. It is not uncommon for such cars to provide seven or more years of service before needing replacement.

No general fund monies were used to purchase and equip these patrol cars. Rather, the cars and equipment were paid for entirely by grant funds. The police department is pursuing additional grants to replace even more of its aging fleet.



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